M/s. Boeing Company, USA. Remaining aircrafts are grounded for want of engines/ scheduled maintenance.

(c) Does not arise.

Shortage of female crew members

2584. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government air carriers are facing shortage of female crew members;

(b) if so, the details thereof:

(c) whether it is also a fact that there was a proposal to appoint crew members region wise to facilitate regional based passengers; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Revision of salaries to pilots

2585. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of pilots who have left Indian Airlines, Air India and Alliance Airways during the last three years on account of payment of less salaries in comparison with the private airlines; and

(b) whether Government have now decided to increase the salary and other perks of pilots in order to arrest flow of experienced pilots from these undertakings and if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) The number of pilots who have resigned from the public sector airlines during the last three years are as follows:—

Year	Air India	Indian Airlines	Alliance Airways
2004	2	Nil	42
2005	3	2	35
2006 (Till date)	1	5	38

The resignations have been tendered for various reasons such as personal reasons like health, education of children, migration to foreign countries etc. and not necessarily due to less salary.

(b) Public sector airlines endeavour to provide salary package in line with the industry standards. Keeping the current market trends in background, Indian Airlines have signed a Memorandum of Settlements with Indian Commercial Pilots Association (ICPA) on 18.7.2006. The settlement is based on the principle of "Fly More Earn More" with incentive to Pilots who fly more. Wages of Alliance Air Pilots were revised w.e.f. 1.10.2004. These have been further revised in case of ATR Commanders w.e.f. March, 2006.

New airport at Goa

†2586. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are working on an action plan to build a modern airport in Mopa also;

(b) if so, whether Government have received techno-physical report from International Civil Aviation Organisation in this regard;

(c) if so, the details of the report; and

(d) by when, work on the above airport is likely to be commenced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) Government of India has accorded 'in-principle' aproval for construction of an airport of international standards at Mopa in Goa.

(b) and (c) The State Government of Goa has submitted detailed techno-economic feasiblity study report with the help of Airport-De-Paris and IATA/Stup Consultants Pvt. Limited (India).

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.